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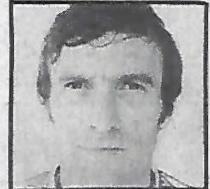
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player.

## BOTTALICO HITS AT SCHEINFUG

By LAURIE SCHWAB



Lee Scheinfug



Fil Bottalico

**Fil Bottalico** fired a broadside at opposing coach Lee Scheinfug on the eve of the APIA v. Marconi all-Italian derby at Hanson Park, Manlyville.

Bottalico is angry that Scheinfug signed APIA's star full back Paul Carter.

Asked how he thought APIA would fare against Marconi, Bottalico said:

"It will be hard against Marconi this year, because they've got the national coach down there, and he's pinching all the players from other teams."

"It's easy to do that if you're national coach, because players want to play for the national team, and they think they might make it if they join the national coach."

"I've always admired Lee as a coach, but I think he's doing the wrong thing."

Asked whether he was alleging that Scheinfug was trying

### Likely line-ups:

**APIA:** Bob Parks — Ian Gray, Arno Bertogna, Mark Pullen or Jim Bottalico, Mark Brown — Terry Butler, Jim Zins, Peter Tredinnick — John Bradley, Kerry Ceban, Tony Morsello.

**Tony Morsello.**

**MARCONI:** Bruce James — Jovan Djordjevic, Bertie Mariani, Steve Calderon, Paul Carter — John Spence, Tony Henderson, Tommy McCulloch, René Lieta, David Lowe, Rod Brown.

to lure players from various clubs, Bottalico said: "No, just APIA, just Carter."

Carter initially was transfer-listed at \$25,000 by APIA, but had that price reduced to \$15,000 on appeal.

Marconi signed him for about \$13,000.

Bottalico's bitterness is understandable, perhaps, as he's lost also Sebastian Giampao and Water Valeri to Inter Monaro, but why accuse Scheinfug, a coach trying like any other, to strengthen his own club?

## '84 KICKS OFF

Round One of the 1984 NSL season:

### SUNDAY

#### Australian Conference

Blacktown v. Sydney City Hakoah at Gabbie Stadium, 4 pm.

Canberra v. Wollongong at Bruce Stadium, 3 pm.

APIA v. Marconi at Henson Park, 3 pm.

Melita v. Sydney Croatia at Melita Stadium, 3 pm.

Penrith v. Newcastle at Cook Park, 3 pm.

St George v. Olympic at St George Stadium, 3 pm.

#### National Conference

West Adelaide v. Adelaide City at Hindmarsh Stadium, 2.30 pm.

Brisbane City v. Brisbane Lions at Spencer Park, 3 pm.

Juventus v. Melbourne Croatia at Olympic Park No. 2, 3 pm.

Makedonia v. J.U.S.T. at Connor Reserve, 3 pm.

Hellas v. Heidelberg at Middle Park, 3 pm.

Sun-George Cross v. Ajax at Chaplin Reserve 3 pm.



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## BATTLE OF THE BABES

**CANBERRA:** Tony Franken — Paul Ontong, Tony Redmond, Andrew Young, Roy Jones — Steve Hogg, Ray June, Steve Bryant, Andrew Brockbank — Mark Perinovic, Alan Reis.

**WOLLONGONG:** Ron Tised — David Green, Larry Gaffney, Ray Vlietstra, Phil Kerr — Alex Bundalo, Peter Kotamandis, Brian Condon, Steve Ristevski, Glenn Fontana, Peter Beggs.

It's the battle of the babes at Bruce Stadium on Sunday when Adrian Alston takes his youngsters from Wollongong down to Canberra to meet Doug Collins' kids.

"Our strengths are our keenness and our spirit. There's an absolutely tremendous atmosphere around the place," said Alston.

"I've gone for the best young kids available. I don't just want to put out a lot of kids who are going to kick for six months. I'm looking to build a side."

Collins also is in the team-building game. He's had his sights firmly set on Andrew Brockbank and Hilton

Phillips for the past two seasons and both have joined him at Canberra. Brockbank is from Kurrajong and Phillips from Manly.

Alston claims that midfield is one of his best lines, even though his three in this area are very inexperienced — Alan Bundalo, 17, Peter Kotamandis, 18, and Brian Condon, 21.

Experienced goal-keeper Ron Tised is the 'Wolves' captain. Alston will rely heavily on Tised's leadership qualities.

The most impressive performer so far has been young David Green. Formerly a forward, Green is revealing in his new role at right back. Larry Gaffney, who recently re-

signed, will play sweeper with Ray Vlietstra, the youth team star, as stopper.

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## Boland, Wade on show?



Dennis Boland

Sunshine-George Cross president Alf Zahra predicts that the clash with Ajax at Chaplin Reserve in Sunshine on Sunday will be "The biggest Maltese derby in Victorian history."

Zahra and Ajax president Guy Spiteri agree that the crowd should be at least 8000.

There is fierce rivalry between the two clubs. Ajax has the score on the board in recent times, having won the State League championship three years in a row, while George Cross has the tradition of being Victoria's No. 1 Maltese club.

But the quality of play in this local derby may not be able to match the intensity of the rivalry.

Ajax has lost too many of the players that made it a great side over the past three years — Paul Lewis, Peter Lewis, Peter

Gerry Bennett, Jim O'Reilly, Steve Scorr, Chris Taylor — John Stevenson, Steve Richardson, Mick McGregor or Ossie Latif, Slobodan Jovanovic — Carl Gilder, Don McLaren.

**GREEN GULLY AJAX:** Lou Denye — Paul Baranic, Stuart Cannell, Ron Kramers, David Hobgen — Fabio Mancinelli, Paul Wade, Willie Vassallo, Jim Williams — Ken Smart, David Smallman.

Boyle, John Gardiner, Gus Macleod ... And George Cross has failed so far to strengthen its team sufficiently.

Goalkeeper Dennis Boland is expected to switch from JUST in time for the match, and the club also was trying to get Ossie Latif from Croatia.

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## 'New' Westad under Sam Salabasidis

**WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS:** Gary Sproul — Ian McGregor, Neil McGeehey, Graham Honeyman, John Papazoglou — Tom Totzakis, Steve Atsalas, George Konstandopoulos, John Panagis — Nick Malavasi, Tim Brown.

**ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS:** Willie McNally — Joe Cecere, Neville Flanders, Bugay Nyska-hus, Paul Shillibear — Les Carter, Sergio Molta, Charlie Villani — Mark Gatenby, Joe Mullin, Steve Maxwell.

That year — Helles's first year of competition after it was formed through an amalgamation between Hellens, Yarralumla and South Melbourne United — the club won the First Division North championship by 12 points, and was undefeated in the league. Salabasidis' team-mates included George Papadopoulos, Harry Vamvakas, Jim Mantarakis, Stefan Fortunatos and the great John Margaritis, now coach of Juventus in Melbourne.

Salabasidis himself had played for Panathinaikos before coming to Australia.

After two seasons with SM-Helles, he crossed the border to join West Adelaide Helles, but his playing career was interrupted over a scandal involving an attack on a referee.

Salabasidis protested his innocence, but was suspended for life.

The suspension later was cut down to one year, but instead of resuming his soccer career in Adelaide, Salabasidis returned to Greece, where he played for six years with Apollon Kalamarias.

Next stop for the brilliant midfielder was Darwin, where, as coach, he led Helles to all the honors available in Northern Territory soccer over a period of four years.

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However, George Cross remains probably the slowest side in the league, even though it does have quite a bit of experience in John Stevenson, Jim O'Reilly, Steve Richardson, Slobodan Jovanovic and Mick McGorian.

Couch Tommy Traynor acknowledges that he may have problems.

"Every point we gain will be like a victory, unless we get a few players," he said.

Traynor will opt for a four-man midfield, to keep things tight, unless Latif crosses over from Croatia in time. He then may go for a three-man attack of Latif, Carl Gilder and Don MacLaren.

Without Latif, the midfield probably will be Stevenson, McGorian, Jovanovic and either Norrie Pate, Alan Kerr or Steve Richardson.

Pate is more of a forward,

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Kerr is the slowest of the trio, so the next probably will go to Richardson, who has the bite of a defender, and the experience of having been with Glasgow Rangers.

The defense picks itself — Gerry Bennett, O'Reilly, Steve Scerri as stopper and Chris Taylor at left back.

Taylor, incidentally, looks very much the star of this team. Fast, fit, aggressive, he will be relied upon to build up play on the left, along with Jo-vanovic.

As president Guy Spiteri appeals to the fans to give

coach Jimmy Rooney enough time in which to mould a new side.

"We are giving youngsters the chance to prove themselves and that takes time, but I believe that the Beranic brothers, Ronnie Kremers and Fab Mancini have what it takes to make it."

As we went to Press, Ajax hoped to have Paul Wade transferred from Croydon in time to play in the first game.

Wade claimed his contract with Croydon allowed him to transfer for \$2000, but Croydon wanted more.

The same controversy had applied in the case of Croydon left back Gary Hobson, but Hobson won his case when he appealed to the VSF.

Wade will take the place of Peter Boyle, who has transferred to Fawkner.

The has-been Peter Lewis and Paul Lewis continued with Spiteri threatening to take court action against the NSL and ASF to prevent them from hearing the players' appeals against their transfers fees.

In other transfer news, Tommy Traynor has been impressed by former State defender Steve Kokosa, who has been training with George Cross, and says he will make a bid for him.

Kokosa still is tied to Croatia, where he played until a knee injury interrupted his career about 18 months ago.

As for the match, the likely result is now

— LAURIE SCHWAB

## New Wests under Salabasidis

From page one

The cyclone blew the town away, and also caused Salabasidis to return to Greece once more.

There, he coached five Greek Second Division clubs over a period, before finding the coaching job at Apollon Kalamarias.

Now the teenagers of West Adelaide Hellenes are benefiting from the guidance that took Apollon to promotion.

But can Salabasidis turn a team of promising, enthusiastic youngsters into a force strong enough to dent the ambitions of the illustrious Melbourne clubs in the southern region of the NSL?

Salabasidis has, at his disposal, only three experienced players — right back Ian McGregor, centre back Neil McGahey, who's back after a year's absence due to back trouble, and Graham Honeyman who has been converted from a midfielder or striker, into a centre back.

Ton Tsotikas brings back with him the experience of having training with AEK in Athens during his one-year absence from the side. He was at left back before leaving for Greece, and returns at right midfield.

Into the team comes Nick Malavasos, who is only 17, but who has been in all South Aus-

tralian State teams since the age of 12.

He scored about 15 goals in West Adelaide's Rothmans League team last season, and knocked back an offer to join the Australian Institute of Sport so he could play senior soccer for West Adelaide this season.

Frank Karagiannis predicts that Malavasos eventually will play for Australia.

Steve Papadopoulos, signed from Polonia for only \$1100 — the maximum allowed under his contract — made his West Adelaide debut for a few minutes in a recent 1-0 victory over Polonia, and probably will be on the bench in the first game on Sunday.

Malavasos is likely to team up with Tim Brown in a two-man strike force, causing George Konstandopoulos, who played as striker last season, to move back into a four-man midfield.

John Panagis, 18, returns at left midfield, after injuring a knee last year.

Theo Stamatopoulos (midfield), Brenton Hiern (defence) and Chris Tsoliaris (goal) are likely to be on the bench along with Papadopoulos.

West Adelaide had hoped to sign Peter Katsikas, 24, who played amateur soccer in West

Australia since he joined Windsor instead.

West Adelaide, like Adelaide City, is unbeaten so far this year.

In the Ampol Cup, West Adelaide beat Polonia 1-0, Azurri 1-0 and Croatia 2-1, while in practice games, West beat Beograd 4-1 and Polonia 1-0.

Graham Honeyman was the outstanding player in most of those matches.

Adelaide City has beaten Para Hills 4-0 and drawn 1-1 with Beograd in the Ampol Cup, and won its practice games against Beograd 2-1, Polonia 3-0 and Croatia 3-0.

Adelaide City hopes to have its star signing, Mark Gatenby, in the team against West Adelaide.

When we spoke to Bob D'Orsi, he still was awaiting Gatenby's clearance from his last club, Rangers United in New Zealand.

A prolific striker, Gatenby played alongside Adelaide City's Neville Flounders at Witney Town in England. Gatenby probably would take Peter Rankin's place in "Juves" attack.

Joe Cecere, from Juve's youth ranks, is promoted to fill the right back vacancy, as Glen Dods has decided to quit the club.

The strongest department of the team appears to be the midfield trio of Lee Carter, Syria Metta and Charlie Valani — all experienced and exceptionally skilled.

Standing in the wings are members of a new generation of Juve players — Paul Devito (midfielder or striker), Ronny Martorano (stopper) and Ernie Longo (midfielder).

There's also Luis Casimiro, who was with the club when Role Basic was coach a few years ago, but who then went to Darwin.

A skilful ball-playing winger, Casimiro was in Juve's State League team last year, and could force his way into the seniors during 1984. He is from Timor.

West Adelaide is making a last-moment bid to sign a player with experience, but overall, the Adelaide teams are at a disadvantage when it comes to recruiting.

"If you want to bring someone from interstate, they either have to be near the end of their career, or have big problems," Karagiannis says.

"Otherwise, we can't compete with Sydney or Melbourne. If a player is to come west, he'll ask for at least 30 percent more money than he's getting in Melbourne or Sydney."

— LAURIE SCHWAB

# Bottalico hits at Scheinflug

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Says Scheinflug: "APIA gave us two lessons last year. We'll hand out the lessons this time."

But he's far from happy with his team's form so far. "It's a little cockroach in the Ampol Cup. There's no reason to push the panic button, because some of the players started late, and the team underwent a few changes. We'll be OK."

Bertie Mariani, one of Marconi's favorite sons, is back after a season with APIA, and it's likely he'll play in the middle of defence providing the stopper Scheinflug scoffs at suggestions he would swap his striker, Steve Winn, for Spanos.

"Strikers who score goals, like Winn does, are worth their weight in gold," Scheinflug says. "If I wanted to sell him — which I don't — I could get a lot of money for him, so I certainly wouldn't consider a swap."

APIA beat Marconi twice last year, but Bottalico won't rely on past results. "Last year was last year," he said.

"I'm a bad loser, though. I want to win, and I think we can do it."

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The Frank Farina affair hadn't been settled as we went to press. If Mareeba and Canberra remain at loggerheads over the young striker, it's likely that Collins will settle for a strike force of Marko Perinovic and Alan Reis, the former Canberra player who recently rejoined the club from Inter Monaro.

Canberra's main injury

worries revolved around right back Paul Ontong and central midfielder Steve Bryant. Ontong was trying to throw off the effects of a hamstring injury while Bryant had an

ankle injury, but Collins was hopeful that both would be available.

If Ontong is unfit, young John Mhailidis will play right back.

Roy Jones seems certain to

play left back, but Andrew Young and Jim Murray are

fighting for the stopper's position.

Tony Redmond, a 22-year-old English recruit, will play sweeper.

Wollongong definitely lacks

bite up front. Steve Riswick,

Glen Fontana and Peter Beggs from Sutherland, will

take time to knit together.

That suits Canberra, which

also has completely revamped

its defensive make-up since last season.

Neither side can realistically win the championship, but at least they are playing a part in preparing Socceros of the future. People with a keen interest in young talent will enjoy this clash for some of the best prospects in the land will be on show.

Nevertheless, I expect the home side's fans to be disappointed with the result. They probably expect Canberra to kick off the season with a win.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

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# A FEAST OF ENTERTAINMENT



Steve Gojevic

## 'Let more imports in'

**Transfer fees will continue to rise and the National Soccer League will lose its entertainment value unless it loosens its restriction on imported players, according to Adelaide City's sports director Bob D'Otta.**

The NSL season starts on March 4, with a local derby between Adelaide City and West Adelaide at Hindmarsh Stadium.

"There are not enough top players around to provide the fans with top entertainment," said D'Otta, a former Adelaide City coach.

"I believe the NSL and the Australian Soccer Federation should allow each club to have five imported players on temporary visas, rather than the two we are allowed at present."

"The restriction is designed to encourage clubs to use more local players, but without overseas stars, from whom will the youngsters learn?"

"And since the restrictions were introduced, transfer fees have been climbing steadily simply because the demand outstrips the supply."

"Prices will continue to go up if we don't bring in more players from overseas," he said.

But D'Otta hopes the new NSL format will encourage greater rivalry between Adelaide and Melbourne, leading to bigger crowds at matches.

"Melbourne and Adelaide aren't far from each other, so I hope that some of our fans will travel with us to Melbourne for matches," D'Otta said.

## Raskopoulos the general

**ST GEORGE BUDAPEST:** Mike Fraser — David Skeen, David Ratcliffe, Mike O'Shea, Rob O'Shea — Robbie Slater, John O'Shea, Peter Stone, Mark Barton — Dez Merton, Peter Petkovski.

**OLYMPIC:** Peter Wilson — Bobby Naumov, Martyn Rogers, Tony Dakos, Graham Jennings — Gary Phillips, Peter Raskopoulos, Peter Katholos — Jim Patikas, Marshall Soper, Terry Patalis.

St George should start its defence of the NSL title by beating Sydney Olympic in front of a big crowd at St George Stadium on Sunday.

"Our biggest problem will be trying to cope with the speed of Olympic's strikers," said St George coach Frank Arrok.

St George will field almost the same line-up as last year. Youngsters Peter Petkovski and Andrew Kocza are vying for the other front-line position alongside Dez Merton and Robbie Slater.

While Saints boast the most settled combination in the Australian Conference, Olympic still was undecided about its goalkeeping position and one of its three striking positions as we went to press.

Peter Wilson and Gary Meier are fighting for the No 1 keeper's spot. We expect Wilson to get coach Manfred Schaefer's nod for this big gig.

Up front, Terry Patalis and Mark Koussas look likely to vie for a berth next to Marshall Soper and Jim Patikas.

Nick Theodorakopoulos, Olympic's recent signing from Marrickville Olympic, and young Chris Kalathitis look likely to miss out in this league season opener.

Saints look extremely solid at the back. They've lost the services of goalkeeper Terry Green, but his replacement, Mike Fraser, is very experienced.

Olympic, should Mike Coady fail to return from overseas this week, will line up with Bobby Namov at right back. He's performed well in recent weeks and should be an adequate replacement for Coady. Tony Dakos, Martyn Rogers and Graham Jennings will complete the back four.

Arok rates Olympic's central midfielder Peter Raskopoulos highly.

"For me, he is their midfield general. He is the only player in their midfield who can change the direction of a game. Olympic's strikers, as

experienced, highly-regarded player, and Harry Hird was our best and fairest last season."

"Sure it will be hard playing against Croatia, but remember we beat them twice last year, and we drew with them in the night competition."

"I think they've got a lot to worry about, because our new forwards, Sweeney and Ward, are ready to show their best."

Margaritis does concede, however, that he has problems in defence.

Because the club has not yet signed a recognised central defender, Margaritis is expected to try Dowle as sweeper, and Richard Miranda as stopper.

**JUVENTUS:** Sean Keogh — Vince Bannon, John Dowle, Richard Miranda, Harry Hird — Rob Cullen, Billy Rogers, Kevin Lloyd — Joe Sweeney, Gary Ward, Andrew Zinni.

**CROATIA:** Peter Blasby — Tony Curcio, Sean Parton, Keith Adams, George Hannah — Josip Biskic, Jeff Faulkner, Jozo Antolovic, Steve Gojevic — David Brogan, Tommy Cumming.

Both, however, are midfield players.

Perhaps the club allowed Paddy Bannon to leave prematurely.

Margaritis said he couldn't guarantee Bannon a game this year, as Bannon lacks speed, and so Bannon decided to go elsewhere, as he still enjoys playing.

Juventus is interested in Peter Lewis of Ajax, but will wait first for the outcome of his appeal against his \$22,000 transfer fee.

Billy Rogers could play as stopper, but Margaritis says he prefers Rogers in midfield. Indeed, Juventus desperately needs Rogers' tackling ability in midfield, as the other two in

that department — Rob Cullen and Kevin Lloyd — are basically attacking players.

Winning the ball is what this match is all about, for both teams have their attacking players to do the damage once they get the ball.

Whatever the outcome, we should see a feast of entertainment from the likes of Tom Curcio, Sean Parton, Josip Biskic, David Brogan, Steve Gojevic, and whirwind full back Tony Curcio of Croatia, and Andrew Zinni, Cullen, Ward and Sweeney of Juventus.

You'd have to go for a Croatia victory, though.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



Vince Bannon

## St. George again!

### Koczka, Rico, Petkovski, the new breed

#### THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN



The more things change the more they stay the same. This old French adage springs to mind when weighing up the NSL prospects in the Australian Conference.

But, first, a word of caution in self-defence: The last-minute signings of players and transfers merely add to the traditional uncertainty of soccer.

This is specially true in the case of Sydney City, Hakoah and Newcastle which are having a tortuous time in their negotiations with players.

Unless things go terribly wrong, St George Budapest should win this Conference. It has not weakened appreciably since 1983 and Mike Fraser is an excellent successor to the retired Terry Greedy.

At the same time, its talented youngsters — Koczka, Petkovski, Rico and others — have become a year older, more polished and, hopefully, more polished and, hopefully, more disciplined and success-oriented as they are, depend heavily on him for service," said Arrok.

St George will start favorite against Olympic. In the recent Challenge Cup organised by Arok at St George Stadium, Saints drew 0-0 with Olympic and won 3-2.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

Perfect blend but Olympic can beat them

## KAT'S CORNER with PETER KATHOLOS



The team to beat this year, as far as I'm concerned, is St. George Budapest.

Saints have gone 18 games without defeat, and they've been basically the same side throughout — winning not only the 1983 championship, but also the recent Challenge Cup.

They're a well-drilled outfit, with perfect understanding among the players, good team spirit and technical know-how.

Also, St. George has a good blend of experience (Merton, Ratcliffe, J. O'Shea, Stone) and comparative youth (Slater, Skeen, Barton, M. O'Shea).

Above all, the players are all very fit and they have both speed and stamina.

Unfortunately, my team, Sydney Olympic, is Saints' first opponent in the new NSL which starts on Sunday.

It will be a tough game indeed but although they beat us in the Challenge Cup, I think we can reverse the result.

Let's wait and see.

### Heidelberg

Heidelberg-Alexander has been having quite a few headaches, to say the least.

First it loses Gary Cole to Makedonia, and now Charlie Yankos also is talking about leaving.

Charlie is of Macedonian-Greek background and as most of the club's supporters are the same, he is an important part of the club's image, as is Theo Semelidis.

After the Phil O'Connor dilemma, and with

Jim Tansey and Jim Campbell still wanting to leave, Heidelberg can't afford to lose any more of its stars, as the other Melbourne clubs have been recruiting strongly in the close season.

Makedonia, for instance beats Graham Hayes, Gary Cole, Ian Dobson and Robbie Dunn, while Juventus has gained Gary Ward, John Dowie, Joe Sweeney, Richard Miranda and Sean Keogh and is on the lookout for even more.

Hellas and Croatia haven't recruited yet, but both are extremely talented sides which Heidelberg will find hard to beat.

Heidelberg has the potential to draw big crowds, particularly in this new-look league, but unless it keeps its present players or recruits new ones, it has no chance of rivalling Hellas or Makedonia.

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His efforts serve as an example for the other clubs. This is the way to improve a club's financial situation and also promote the code as a whole.

Phil O'Connor's deal is to introduce a James Hardie knock-out cup for juniors, and to run clinics at Canberra primary schools.

Well done, Johnny and good luck, Dougie Collins and the Arrows.



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# NSL proposes new system of transfers

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

The NSL is groping in the dark, along with the rest of the world, for a solution to the problem of escalating transfer fees.

NSL management committee member David Dillon has come up with two possible solutions. His proposals have been sent to member clubs and leading journalists for critical appraisal.

Dillon's proposals call for the categorisation of players on the basis of age and quality, for transfer fees to be set in line with such categorisation and for players to receive a percentage of transfer fees.

His first proposal, for a voluntary transfer code to be adopted by NSL clubs and State federations, stipulates transfer ranges within categories and age groups, as shown by the table at right.

In this proposal, players get a maximum of 20 percent of transfer fees. That suggests that players may get varying percentages up to 20 percent and Dillon has provided no guidelines for deciding specific percentages.

His second proposal places players into two broad categories. The first, that of the beginning player (or first year player) includes players from overseas, from State Leagues, or from amateur or junior leagues who have not reached the 20-game figure, at which time they revert to the second category, that of the established NSL player.

The beginning player category allows such players to be transferred for "actual expenses incurred, excluding wages plus an ex-gratia payment of \$50 multiplied by the number of weeks with the club concerned."

The established player category breaks players into three groups (like Dillon's first proposal): Superior, above average and average.

Unlike in Dillon's first proposal, he doesn't here set specific transfer ranges. Rather, he suggests here that transfer fees be negotiated on the basis of the following criteria:

(A) Age, between 15 and 35. All others are free transfers.

(B) Transfer fees paid previously.

(C) Actual club expenses, excluding wages (proof required).

(D) Likely replacement costs.

(E) Agreed player quality (length of time with club; expectation of continued potential performance).

This proposal calls for transfer fees to be negotiated, on the above criteria, between the relevant clubs and, if necessary, by an appeal tribunal.

This proposed criteria is closely aligned to the criteria already in use at appeal tribunal level.

And, the terms used in this criteria are a major source of controversy between clubs and players. Dillon has not attempted to provide much-needed

... but forgets about signing-on fees and disappearing crowds

That decline is principally due to declining gate income, not to increased player demands, or unrealistic transfer fees slapped on players' heads by clubs.

Of course, that's why the NSL has regionalised its competition in the hope that more derby matches will attract more fans and clubs will become more solvent.

The problem curiously is hidden somewhere within near-barren terraces. The solution lies within that cloudy area called "providing a great match spectacle."

VOLUNTARY TRANSFER CODE			
Age:	Category A Outstanding	Category B Above Average	Category C Average
15)	\$500 - 1000	\$200 - 750	\$100 - 300
16)			
17)			
18)			
19)			
20)	\$1000 - 12000	\$750 - 4000	\$300 - 1500
21)			
22)			
23)	\$12000 - 24000	\$4000 - 15000	\$1500 - 5000
24)			
25)			
26)			
27)			
28)			
29)			
30)			
31)			
32)			
33)	\$8000 - 0	\$6000 - 0	\$1000 - 0
34)			
35)			

\* Maximum % to player 20%

\* Levels to apply till end of 1985 when adjusted by 10%

## Will Brisbane City be laughing all the way to the bank?



Peter Willis

### Willis optimistic about new NSL

By WALTER PLESS

Wollongong's 26-year-old fullback, Peter Willis, who once played for Leeds United in England, returned to Tasmania recently for a brief holiday. Willis had a couple of seasons in Tasmania with Rapid before joining Wollongong in 1980.

Clubs may not accept the restrictions of Dillon's proposals. Most club officials like to think that they are in the best position to negotiate the best possible deal for their club when buying or selling players. That never will change.

The outcry about escalating transfer fees in the NSL is, in my opinion, unwarranted when you take this year's wheeling and dealing as an example. The biggest transfer fee so far has been the \$22,000 paid to Heidelberg by Makedonia for Gary Cole, a 28-year-old in his prime, the leading scorer of all time in the NSL and a man with 33 appearances for his country to his name. That's not a ridiculous figure.

Indeed, had Dillon's voluntary transfer code been in operation, Heidelberg could have held out for the \$24,000 ceiling stipulated in this code.

The hue and cry over transfer fees comes from club administrators who have viewed, almost terror-stricken, the decline in the level of club coffers in recent years.

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**What do you think about the new NSL set-up?**

Once it gets started it won't be too bad. There's a lot more local derbies and, hopefully, the crowds will be better and football-wise, it will be a bit more competitive. Sometimes when you go long distances and there've been no supporters there, you don't feel any atmosphere. There might now be a bit more atmosphere as far as the local derbies are concerned and, hopefully, it'll be a better league.

**How do you think Wollongong will go?**

I think we'll do all right. There's a lot of young lads in the side this season. Adrian Alston has got a tough job — it's his first job — and he's looking to do well. Hopefully, he'll bring some of the young lads out and do well.

**Are you staying with Wollongong this year?**

Yes. I signed just before I went on holiday.

**What did you think of the team's performance last season?**

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**What are your ambitions?**

I'd like to win something in the National League while I'm playing in it. I'd like to play for another 5 years at least and then go into coaching in Australia. My wife and I are fairly settled here now. We've got good jobs and there's no reason why we should go back to England.

**What is the major problem facing a regional side like Wollongong?**

They've got no club, as such, backing them like some of the clubs in the city with their poker machines. Wollongong just rely on their gate money and the committee run raffles and have to rely on things like that.

By RICKI ROSSO

Brisbane City should beat Lions easily at Spencer Park on Sunday.

That is, if any parallels can be drawn with the start of this season and the beginning of last year. And on the surface it appears very much a case of *deja vu*.

Both teams have new coaches — as they did last year. But just as it did under Jim Hermiston, City quickly has settled under Joe Gilroy while Lions have been disorganised and unsettled, as they were last year with Simon Kistemaker, and again this season under new coach Harry Noon.

The two teams clashed about this time last year, in the Queensland Soccer Federation's pre-season final, and City emerged a 6-1 winner.

Although it is unlikely to repeat that score on Sunday, City supporters are prepared to back their team to the hilt. So much so that one City director freely is taking bets, giving Lions a three goal start! One bet, for \$1000, even made newspaper reports.

But the director has every reason to be confident.

As Gilroy points out, the nucleus of the side that finished third in the league three years ago still led the competition after seven rounds last season, still is there.

City has lost no-one of note and in fact has strengthened its squad through the inclusion of former Newcastle United striker Bob Mountford, dual Rothmans Medallist Ken Swan and Grange Thistle and Valley Trident striker Frank Mengotti.

Admittedly, it has taken Gilroy a few matches to build his side, but in the last week City has managed to show some form, suggesting that it will, at the very least, finish much higher than its third bottom finish last year.

Lions, on the other hand, are yet to finalise their side.

Since Noon took over a month ago, five players from interstate have been brought to Lions for trials. They are former Croydon player David Cork, who has been signed, Kuringal and former Western Suburbs and Olympic striker Clive Eaton, former defender John Charlton (son of England international Jack Charlton), Blacktown United goalkeeper Wayne Evans and Kuringal midfielder Steve Knight.

And even as late as this week, following news that Eaton was unlikely to be able to leave Sydney for family reasons, Lions were considering trialling Canberra rejects Ian Gibson and Phil Redmond.

To predict the club's side this weekend is almost impossible as club officials probably don't know who will sign and who they won't.

Lions haven't really lost anyone from last year's squad, so far, but Noon has made it clear he does not want to go into his first NSL season with the bunch of youngsters Lions used last season.

Still, there are a number of players on the outer. Goalkeeper Bret Beves still is disputing his contract, Bobby McKinnern and Nigel Lowndes are testing listed and Bob Vincent, Calvin Daunt and John Ogden appear unlikely to be first team regulars this year.

Both teams have avoided

BRISBANE CITY: Kim Wishart — Allan Hughes, Steve Perry, Frank Liddell, Billy Wilkinson — Ken Swan, Frank Pimblett, Bobby Hamilton — Willie Connor, Bob Mountford, Gary Bromfield.

BRISBANE LIONS: Wayne Evans — Peter McClurg, Alan Hunter, Rod Vasquez, Alan Nixon — John Stewart, Russell Stewart, David Cork, Jim McDonagh — Phil Redmond, Danny Wright.



Bob Mountford

Steve Perry

each other in pre-season trials, which is to be expected, considering they will meet six times this season anyway, and the two clubs have had to be content with playing Premier League teams.

And that could be a telling factor, not necessarily on the side this weekend, but the week after when they have to face southern opposition which has been conditioned by regular matches against NSL opposition — particularly the Sydney team.

Lions have played more matches than City, having a mid-week and weekend trial each week since noon took over. But their displays have been patchy and recently they only could manage a 2-2 draw with Ipswich United — a team they should have beaten.

Cities too looked very poor early on with only one goal

wins over lowly teams like North Star and Wynnum. But a fortnight ago it form with a 4-0 win over Rochedale. While that scoreline was to be expected against the Intermediate Leagues the manner of the victory looked more impressive.

One thing Lions will have on their side this weekend is their record against City in the NSL last season. Despite being on the bottom of the table, Lions handed City a 4-0 drubbing at Richlands where they were desperately unlucky to draw 0-0 in the return at Spencer Park.

Derbies between the two traditionally are close, but like the Richlands clash last season — this one could be an exception.

In fact, there could be a rich City director on Sunday night after he collects his bets, three goal start to boot.

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# Rangers say yes, will Fiorentina, Aris follow suit?

Apart from playing against visiting teams at home in June, the Socceroos will visit China and Europe in November.

Glasgow Rangers have confirmed they will play against Australia at Ibrox Park, and matches against Fiorentina in Italy and Aris in Greece also are likely.

But first, the Socceroos will play three games against China on their way to Europe.

Fiorentina, Aris, Rangers, Notre Dame and Manchester United will tell the ASF within two weeks whether they will visit Australia in June.

But whatever their answer, the ASF has other teams standing by and is confident that there will be at least 12 games against touring teams in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and perhaps in Perth in June.



Giancarlo Antognoni

# Kiwis off to see the world

An eight or nine match world tour, undertaken at the end of this year, appears likely to serve as the keystone of New Zealand's World Cup build-up.

At this stage, only one game has been confirmed — against England "B" on November 13. The Kiwis hope, however, that the majority of other fixtures will be full internationals.

The national federations of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Portugal, Greece,

Ireland, Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland also were contacted seeking senior encounters; though the latter two already have stated that their programmes are too congested to accommodate the All Whites. Replies are still awaited from the other seven.

A low key match against a Channel Islands selection is also envisaged, as four days training in Jersey is scheduled during the tour.

— PAUL MOON



Ron Tilsed

By  
PHILIP  
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# Tilsed's back, 3 years and 3 stone later

One person who will not have any first night nerves over the weekend's opening of the 1984 National League Season is Wollongong City goalkeeper Ron Tilsed.

The former Arsenal and England youth international is making a comeback after giving the game away entirely three years ago to set up a transport business in Sydney.

Tilsed, 31, was considered in his early playing days as a star in the making.

He was indeed voted "player of the series" as he helped England win the 1971 "Little World Cup" in Czechoslovakia.

A whole professional career lay at his feet and a subsequent move to Highbury seemed the launching pad for better things to come.

But it was not to be. Whereas other members of that victorious English youth team went on to become world famous players (Trevor Francis, for example), Tilsed found out he was not prepared for stardom.

"Success hit me too fast — I was not able to handle it properly," Tilsed said.

What looked like a glittering career turned into a nightmare as Tilsed's fortunes dwindled.

After failing in England, Tilsed moved to South Africa before joining Canbe Arrows in their first National League season in 1977.

Tilsed played 50 NSL games before giving the game away altogether.

But four months ago Tilsed received a

telephone call from his old mate, Adrian Alston.

The former Socceroo told Tilsed the Wolves' goalkeeping position was up for grabs. Tilsed was told a contract with the Wolves awaited him if he could regain his fitness.

Tilsed grabbed this golden opportunity with both hands. A rigorous training schedule and a strict diet saw him lose 3½ stone in four months.

"I was amazed — it just fell off me," Tilsed said.

"But what pleased me most were my reflexes, which were just about intact."

Tilsed's "rehabilitation" seems to have rubbed off on the young Wolves players.

It is good for them to know there is a top, experienced goalkeeper behind them, bellowing instructions and egging them on.

Tilsed may seem like a cat on a hot tin roof in the Wolves penalty area.

He says he has been brought up that way. "A goalkeeper must be in command of his penalty area," he explained.

"One must dictate matters and be ready to start an attack when the opposition loses possession."

Tilsed was given the captain's role by Alston because of his "experience and personality"; but Alston may change his mind as the season gets into full swing.

"Tilsed is doing a great job for me in this respect but a goalkeeper sometimes is too far away from the action," Alston explained.

But now that midfielder Larry Gaffery has come to terms with the club, he may be given the skipper's role.

After failing in England, Tilsed received a

# END FOR WILSON?

Richard Wilson may be willing to sacrifice his international future in order to gain a lucrative contract with a NSW club.

Wilson, who enjoyed an excellent season guarding Preston Makedonia's goal in 1983, has been negotiating with four clubs and realises that insistence upon a clause in his contract assuring release for international duty will diminish his bargaining power.

Australian clubs have suffered substantially in recent years from Kiwi players taking long leaves of absence to represent their country.

"Club soccer is my bread and butter," the newly-married Wilson was quoted as saying in a New Zealand newspaper.

He was added to the All Whites' 28 man Olympic squad in December — joining three other goalkeepers. The last of his 33 international appearances was made in the World Cup play-off against China early in 1982.

Although keen to play for New Zealand again, Wilson realistically assumes he has a long way to go again wearing the jersey with a silver fern

and will not make any declarations about his international intentions until the ink has dried on a club contract.

However, Wilson expresses doubts about the ASF's attempts to legislate against New Zealanders playing international soccer whilst attached to Australian clubs.

"FIFA will kick that one out of the door," he confidently predicted. "Aussie players overseas seek a clause to play for the Socceroos, so the ASF has a weak argument."

— PAUL MOON

# Dilemma over Dunn, Stirton to J.U.S.T.?

**PRESTON MAKEDONIA:** Steve Potter — Ljubo Petrovski, Ian Dobson, George McMillan, Con Opanis — Graham Heys, Zarko Odzakov, Zoran Ilieski, George Campbell — Gary Cole, Claude Lucchesi.

**FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.:** Lou Tsigas — Ken Taylor, Jim Davis, Gary McDowell, Igor Hazabent — Suleiman Curovic, Vlatko Belic, Brian O'Donnell, Graham Tutill — Joe Carroll, Zdravko Lujic.



Robbie Dunn



• Ian Stirton (right) in Doveton colors, is foiled in this scoring attempt by South Melbourne Hellas goalkeeper Mark Turudis. Hellas defender Chris Kafalidis is at left. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

trying to improve his fitness and overcome a thigh injury, and Gary McDowell, at the heart of the J.U.S.T. defence, against Robbie Dunn and Claude Lucchesi.

J.U.S.T.'s strongest line is in midfield and no doubt McLachlan will be banking on his players there to cut down the supply of balls to Cole and Tutill.

McDonald goes into this game as a clear favorite. It should vindicate that label with a decisive victory.

It has the quality and depth to succeed this year and against a struggling outfit like J.U.S.T. it should get off to a flying start to its league title assault.

A draw would be a great result for J.U.S.T. really, it seems but a slim hope for its loyal fans.

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## Juventus chases Yankos, Campbell

Juventus has made a \$35,000 offer for Heidelberg stars Charlie Yankos and Jim Campbell.

Heidelberg, however, says it won't consider anything less than \$45,000 for the two.

Yankos said this week: "I'm happy with the terms and conditions Juventus has offered me, and if they're prepared to pay the transfer fee Heidelberg wants, I'm willing to go there."

Yankos submitted a written request for a transfer last Friday.

Meanwhile, Heidelberg has transferred John Spanos to Marconi for \$8000. Spanos is likely to make his Marconi debut, in midfield, against APIA on Sunday.

Heidelberg drew 1-1 with Makedonia at the weekend, with Mike Petersen scoring its goal.

Scott Patterson and Theo Vagias partnered Petersen in attack, and John Mataxis came on later as a substitute.

Pashalis Tzintzis and Mike Valentine remain out due to injuries and neither is likely to play in the opening NSL match against Hellas on Sunday.

Heidelberg has been trying to bring striker Derek Lee back from Scotland, and has expressed interest in Marconi forward Steve Winn.

It also made unsuccessful approaches for Joe Mullen and Steve Maxwell of Adelaide Juventus.

— LAURIE SCHWAB.



Oscar Crino with his trophy as best player of the Buffalo Gold Summer Cup.

## The Cup all-stars

The all-star team of the series, according to votes, is:

POTTER (Makedonia)			
MCKIE (H'berg)	ORMOND (Croydon)	YZENDOORN (Hellas)	KALIFATIDIS (Hellas)
BISKIC (Croatia)	CRINO (Hellas)	ILOJSKI (Makedonia)	ZINNI (Juventus)
BROGAN (Croatia)	CUMMING (Croatia)		

In case of players tying for votes in a particular position, preference has been given to the player from the team that progressed further in the competition.

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## George Cross may shock a few

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 1  
(MacLaren 28th) JUVENTUS 0.  
Challenge match at Olympic Park,  
last Saturday night.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS: Contini 6 — G. Bennett 7, Reilly 8, Richardson 7, Taylor 7 — Stevenson 7, Pate 7, MacLaren 7 — McGorian 7, Gilder 7, Bain 7.

JUVENTUS: Keogh 6 (Clayton H.T.) — Germain 7, Rogers 7, Dowie 7, Hird 8 — Cullen 7, Lloyd 7, Miranda 7, Swinscoe 6 — Sweeney 6, Ward 5.

Sunshine-George Cross deservedly downed Juventus 1-0 and showed enough, especially in the first half, to suggest that everyone predicting a season of struggle for the club should think again.

With Dennis Boland in goal, in front of a back four of Gerry Bennett, Steve Richardson, Jim O'Reilly and Chris Taylor, the 'Cross would be both solid and settled in defence.

Juventus badly missed Paddy Bannon, and injured Andrew Zinni, Vince Bannon and Fabio Incantalupo. Anyone who reckons that Paddy

Bannon wasn't one of Juve's better defenders in the recent Buffalo Gold Summer Cup has rocks in his head or plainly can't see.

Don Maclarens, who joined the 'Cross from Canberra this year, did well here. His performance culminated in a great solo effort resulting in the only goal of the game. We're giving the goal to Maclarens, although the shot he struck found the back of the Juventus net thanks to a Juve defender. The ball was goal-bound anyway.

John Stevenson's disposal was a feature of the game, as was Mick McGorian's aggression and running ability which constantly worried the

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## Yzendoorn, Eg best in great fi

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 3 (Brown 16th, Halford 34th, Crino 60th) MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Cumming 22nd). Buffalo Gold Summer Cup final at Olympic Park, last Saturday night. Crowd: about 12,500.

Referee: Fearn 7.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumets 7 — Russell 8, Blair 7, Yzendoorn 9, Kalifatidis 7 — Davidson 7, Halford 8, Crino 8, Murphy 7 — Egan 9, Brown 7.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Blasby 7 — Curcio 8, Parton 8, Adams 7, Hannah 7 — Biskic 6, Antolovic 6, Faulkner 5 (Markovac 75th), Gojevic 6 (Latif 63rd) — Cumming 7, Brogan 7.

Hail Hellas! What a match, what an atmosphere, and what superb goals and thrilling near misses. As predicted, this was a game to remember and over 12,000 fans witnessed this tremendous spectacle.

Hellas dominated in midfield, especially through Carl Halford and Oscar Crino. One of the surprises was the inability of Croatia's wide midfielders, Josip Biskic and Steve Gojevic, to play prominent roles. Gojevic eventually being replaced by Ossie Latif in the second half.

With Hellas in control in midfield, Croatia strikers Tommy Cumming and Dave Brogan didn't get the service needed to give Croatia a real chance in this final. However, Brogan battled his heart out. Too often, Brogan had to compete with Steve Blair for balls in the air. He'd be the first to concede Blair's superiority in this area, nevertheless, Brogan who at times looked more like a battering ram than the striker of silky skills we all know he is, refused to give in.

John Yzendoorn was immaculate in his sweeper's role. Yzendoorn and Egan were Hellas's best for mine.

Most sweepers become luxuriant, refusing to get forward and simply standing 10, sometimes 15 metres behind play. Not Yzendoorn. He's quick to size-up situations and quick to see the chance

to go forward. He also finds so much space once he breaks out of a defence. That's what's going to be a real bonus for Hellas this season.

Egan ever elusive — made some stunning off-the-ball runs and with better finishing well could have earned himself a hat-trick.

Croatia reached the final in style, however, it never had come up against an opponent like Hellas, who was so proficient at closing down and pressuring in different areas of the park. And when Hellas did this, Croatia had an answer. It was the outstanding feature of an absorbing contest.

A corner which didn't take long to burst into life. Doug Brown won't score a better goal than the one he deserved for this final. It was a special moment indeed when Egan chested the ball down for Brown, who controlled it in one instant and sent it screaming into the top far corner of goal in the next. Peter Blasby never moved as the ball cannoned against the stanchion and fell into the foot of the net. In the blink of an eye, we'd seen Brown's renowned shooting power at its explosive best.

Croatia's first chance had come four minutes earlier, a chain of swift passes, ended with Cumming playing the ball to Gojevic on the left of the Hellas area but Gojevic's low shot was well handled by Peter Laumets.

Hellas fans erupted when Brown struck. Croatia fans only had to wait for another six minutes before they too celebrated, but in between these goals, Brogan headed in superbly from a Josip Biskic free kick, only to have the goal chalked off in curious fashion.



Croatia's David Brogan (centre) heads the ball past Peter Laumets, for what appears to be disallowed, however. Others pictured, from Davidson, Sean Parton (rear) and Bobby Russe

goal to Hellas and was a crucial moment in the match.

Parton had time, perhaps a

little, to control the ball but misjudged it, allowing it to bounce away from him. Eg

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Oscar Crino (left) prepares to weave past Jozo Antolovic (centre) and George Hannah before scoring Hellas's third goal.

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## Coburg, Vale won't link

**Victorian clubs Coburg and Pascoe Vale have had to shave plans to amalgamate.**

Both club committees had negotiated an amalgamation deal over the past four months but at the last minute, pressure exerted on the Pascoe Vale committee by some of its senior members, forced a stand-off.

Coburg, now in the Metropolitan Second Division, suddenly finds itself having to drastically revamp its team plans. It was relying on Pascoe Vale's players to provide the

new club — to be called Coburg-Pascoe Vale — with strong first team and reserve squads.

Coburg enjoys excellent facilities at its Hosken Reserve home ground on the corner of Pallett Streets and Bakers Road, Coburg. Training is at 7 pm on Tuesday and Thursday and any players interested in playing Second Division soccer are welcome to attend training or phone club secretary Bob Malcolm at work on 338 5611 or home on 338 5483. The club phone number is 334 8174.

## VICTORIAN CUPS

### Metropolitan League Cup results from last weekend:

Altona City 2 Morabbin City 1; Ringwood United Serbia 0 Altona City 1; Werribee 1 Werribee 0; Heidelberg Park 1 Bulleen 0; Heidelberg-Bundoora 1 Coburg 1; Hamlyn Rangers 0 South Oakleigh 3; Keysborough 1 Brighton 1; Yallourn 2 South Gippsland 2; Thomas Abbottsford 10-8 on penalties; Baxter v Fitzroy United, not played; West Brunswick 1 Cranbourne 0.

### Provisional League Cup results from last weekend:

North Sunshine 1 St Kilda 1; Altona 2; Werribee 1; Werribee 0; Central City 4 Diamond Valley 0; Cranbourne 0; Westall 3; Seaford 4; Dallas City 3; Sunshine 2; Werribee 1.

### Provisional League Cup results from last weekend:

Cheltenham 4 South Dandenong 1.

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**Can Box Hill beat the odds?**

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

**John Gardiner has an amazing success rate in Cup finals and Polonia fans will be hoping that their player-coach keeps up his record when Polonia clashes with Box Hill at Laura Douglas Reserve, Broadmeadows, on Sunday in the final of the 1984 Buffalo Cup at 3 pm.**

Gardiner spent the latter half of the 1970's and early 1980's winning Cup after Cup with Melbourne Croatia and Green Gully Ajax and he'll be out to bring Polonia its first State League honor since it returned to Box Hill's team during the Buffalo Cup and all are looking forward to what's to come.

Surprise was the keynote of the Gardiner-masterminded plot which saw Croatia crush Juventus 7-0 in the 1980 State Cup final, so one wonders what we can expect on Sunday. Back to that Dockerty Cup final.

Gardiner and Alan Kerr joined Noel Mitten and Carl Gilder up front from the kick-off and Juventus, without a player spare at the back, never was able to reorganise its defensive plans. It also never recovered from the shock of Croatia players switching positions freely. It was as if Juventus players were indeed too tired to make contact.

A minute later, Brown drove the ball in from the right of the Croatia area. Mitten side stepped and just failed to make contact. Davidson was at the back post. He tried to get what would have been a decisive touch. He too missed.

Minutes later, Halford, on the end of a great interpassing move involving Brown and Egan, struck a low shot past Blasby only to watch in dismay as the ball bounced against the far post and back out into play.

Then it was Croatia's turn with Cumming getting in the way of a Blasby shot. Two minutes later, in the 88th minute, Ossie Latif narrowly missed getting his head to a Cumming cross.

Not that it would have made much difference. Hellas was the better team.

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entus defence with John Dowie at Frank Geramia at right back. George Dowie's talents, due to either his reticence to come forward, or partnership of Joe Sweeney and Ged cumbersome at best, and desirous in the second half, it failed to bring with the start of the NSL days away.

**MACKENZIE**

Box Hill coach Bill Murray, like Gardiner an astute planner, will be banking on his side to cope with Polonia's new-found organisation. There is a lot of running ability in the Box Hill line-up, but whether its players are of sufficient quality to match opponents of the calibre of Stefan Mila, Gardiner, Joe Tront, Dave Gibson, Noel Mitten and Janusz Przybyla, remains to be seen.

**Likely cup final line-ups:**

**POLOMIA:** Mike Lukac - Rick Lepiarski, Stefan Mila, Kevin Innes, Andrew Czarnik - Dave Gibson, John Gardiner, Joe Tront, Greg Czarnik - Noel Mitten, Janusz Przybyla.

**BOX HILL:** John McKinlay - Gary McPhee, Don Lawler, Ray Tolmie, Alan Roodhouse - Dave Azzopardi, Raphael Underwood, Matt McDonald - Peter Verechia, Steve Smith, Darren White.



## Venue angers Goulopoulos



Heidelberg president Sam Goulopoulos (pictured) is angry that Sunday's match against Hellas has been scheduled for Middle Park.

"At first, all these challenge games were to have been played on neutral venues, and we weren't even consulted before it was decided to play it at Middle Park instead," Goulopoulos said.

"What's wrong with Olympic Park on Saturday night?"

"If it's hot on Sunday, we'll lose a lot of spectators, but a night match at Olympic Park would be guaranteed of drawing a maximum crowd."

"And I don't think this match should be played in opposition to the other local derbies on the same day."

"It only will harm the attendances at the other matches."

The show includes interviews with coaches Terry Hennessy of Melbourne Croatia and John Margaritis of Juventus (Vic), and Club presidents Alf Zahra of Sunshine-George Cross and Guy Spiteri of Green Gully Ajax.

**BUFFALO CUP SEMI FINALS**

## Przybyla powers Polonia

By DAVID ANDREW

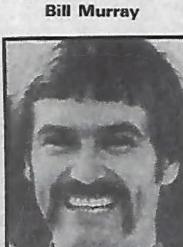
**POLONIA 3 (Przybyla 28th, Mitten 61st) KNOX CITY 0, Buffalo Cup semi-final double header at North Crinigan Reserve, last Sunday. Crowd: about 500. Referee: Stojkovic 7.**

**POLONIA:** Lukac 7 - Lepiarski 7, Mila 8, Innes 7, A. Czarnik 7 (Vather 85th). **Glossop-Gardiner 7, Tront 7, G. Czarnik 7, Mitten 7, Przybyla 7. Coach: John Gardiner.**

**KNOX CITY:** McTurk 6 - Dixon 5, Bissinger 7, Roddis 7, Wild (Russell 62nd) - Gurney 4 (Keenan 62nd), Smith 7, Murray 6 - Gerrish 5, Masters 6, House 7. Coach: Trevor Owen (caretaker).

Knox City, after playing so well to reach this semi-final, had a complete turnaround in form, producing a lethargic, lacklustre display and succumbing 3-0 to Polonia, a team which surely will prove to be a real handful in this year's State League.

Both sides had chances early. Greg



**John Gardiner**

Polonia goes into the match with a much more experienced and settled side. Gary McPhee, Raphael Underwood, Steve Smith and Darren White all have been introduced to Box Hill's team during the Buffalo Cup and all are looking forward to what's to come.

Surprise was the keynote of the Gardiner-masterminded plot which saw Croatia crush Juventus 7-0 in the 1980 State Cup final, so one wonders what we can expect on Sunday. Back to that Dockerty Cup final.

Gardiner and Alan Kerr joined Noel Mitten and Carl Gilder up front from the kick-off and Juventus, without a player spare at the back, never was able to reorganise its defensive plans. It also never recovered from the shock of Croatia players switching positions freely. It was as if Juventus players were indeed too tired to make contact.

But there's something intangible about the spirit and commitment of Box Hill, something that makes it such a formidable opponent, something apart from its discipline and organisation, as well as individual ability.

Box Hill is a fine team unit. There's a quality Polonia will have to match. Box Hill players fight hard for each other, and Polonia is going to be tested in a manner it has yet to experience in the Buffalo Cup.

**Likely cup final line-ups:**

**POLOMIA:** Mike Lukac - Rick Lepiarski, Stefan Mila, Kevin Innes, Andrew Czarnik - Dave Gibson, John Gardiner, Joe Tront, Greg Czarnik - Noel Mitten, Janusz Przybyla.

**BOX HILL:** John McKinlay - Gary McPhee, Don Lawler, Ray Tolmie, Alan Roodhouse - Dave Azzopardi, Raphael Underwood, Matt McDonald - Peter Verechia, Steve Smith, Darren White.

## MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Moore 25th)

**BOX HILL 2 (Underwood 52nd, White 77th), Buffalo Cup semi-final double header, at North Crinigan Reserve, Morwell, last Sunday. Crowd: about 500. Referee: Matessi 8.**

**MORWELL:** Whiteside 7, Bingham 7, Train 7, Higham 6, O'Callaghan 6, Clarke 6, Van Baan 5, (Kent 76th), McLean 7, Athersch 6, (Bruns 79th), McGuinness 6, Moore 6. Coach: Jimmy Dunn.

**BOX HILL:** McKinlay 7, McPhee 7, A. Roodhouse 7, Tolmie 7 (Keenan 44th), Lawler 7, Azzopardi 7, Underwood 8, Moore 7, White 7, Verechia 7, White 7. Coach: Bill Murray.

It's back to the drawing board for Morwell. Having spent heavily to build a side which it hoped could win this year's State League, it discovered last Sunday that there is more to building a team than purchasing players. A goal against the run of play in the 25th minute from Morwell was not enough to stop a hard running Box Hill at North Crinigan Reserve. Box Hill put its cards on the table early. Nothing less than all-out attack would do, and for the first 20 minutes Morwell sat up the press and concentrated to reply with a series of long balls launched down the middle by keeper Bill Whiteside.

After only five minutes, Whiteside was called upon to save at the feet of Matt McDonald after the little midfielder had threaded his way past four defenders in the penalty area, and only desperate defence by John Higham and Gerry Clarke blunted the opportunity from Steve Smith and Peter Verechia as Box Hill threw wave after wave of attacks at its more experienced opponent.

Having weathered the early storm, Falcons got their act together, and John O'Callaghan and Steve Moore combined well to send Jim Train down the left flank just wide of the post.

## Hillmen floor Falcons

By MIKE HARVEY

His cross found Jim MacLean but the Morwell skipper shot wide, a feat which was emulated by Bobby McGuinness after he had been put in a shooting position by a strong run down the right wing by Tony Van Baan.

However, the Hillmen could consider themselves a touch unlucky when they conceded the first goal somewhat against the run of play. Jim MacLean won a loose ball in midfield and found McGuinness wide on the left. The little striker cleverly worked his way past Peter Verechia in the middle. The ball bounced awkwardly on the hard surface, and struck Darren White on the hand. Box Hill supporters breathed a sigh of relief when the referee indicated a free kick on the edge of the area, directly in front of goal, but their relief was short-lived, as Moore struck the ball perfectly over the wall, into the top left hand corner of the goal, leaving John McKinlay helpless.

This goal breathed new life into Morwell. McPhee did well to head off the line from Train with his keeper beaten, then Bingham blasted over from 20 metres and Don Lawler was forced to concede a corner under pressure from McGuinness and Peter Verechia.

Box Hill started to regain composure. White was proving to be a constant menace to the less mobile Falcon defenders and first tested Whiteside with a rasping drive from 30 metres, then a cheeky chip on the near post which almost deceived the Morwell custodian.

In the second half, Brian Keenan replaced Ray Tolmie who had been injured in the first half, and his speed was to cause more problems for the home defence. But it was Smith who came close to equalising when he missed an easy chance after combining well with White, but with only Whiteside to beat, slid the ball just wide of the post.

The young Hillmen were not to be denied for long, and in the 52nd minute deservedly drew level.

Keenan burst through on the right only to be brought down by a tackle from behind by Higham.

MacLean only could partially clear Dave Azzopardi's resulting free kick, and Raphael Underwood, shaking off the attentions of three defenders, rammed the ball into the net from 20 metres.

Morwell tried hard to get back into the game, but the gulf in experience of MacLean, Moore and O'Callaghan were to no avail, and McKinlay was surrounded as the visitors' defence held firm.

In the 77th minute Box Hill sewed it up. Alan Roodhouse beat Harry Bingham to a loose ball deep in his own half, and surged forward in a 50 metre run which took him into the heart of Morwell's defence. Underwood's shot from the pass inside was partially blocked by Train, but the ball fell to White who slotted it past the despairing keeper to complete the scoring.

This was a classic battle of youth against experience, in which some of the more experienced, so-called soccer journalists, currently parading their unique points of view in the Melbourne media, would have done well to witness.

Having been unfortunate enough to be present at the insipid encounter between Juventus and George Cross in the curtain raiser to the Buffalo Gold Summer Cup Final last Saturday, this match between Morwell Falcons and Box Hill could hardly be more to offer in both commitment and enterprise, and not a little in basic skills and was much more worthwhile viewing. And all of this in conditions more suited to a pool-side party, sipping large, cool drinks!

Buffle should be congratulated on providing the stimulus for this competition, and maybe next year the minnows will be allowed to compete with some of the big fish in one all-embracing tournament.

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The victorious Hellas team after beating  
Croatia 3-1 in the final of the Victorian Buffalo  
Summer Gold Cup in front of a 12,000 crowd at  
Olympic Park on Saturday night:  
From left, standing: John Yzendorn (holding  
Cup), Ken Murphy, Len McKendry (coach), Carl  
**SHORROCK.**

Halford, Charlie Egan, Bobby Russell, Steve Blair,  
Peter Laumets, Oscar Crino.

Front: Doug Brown, Alan Davidson, Jim Kar-  
lambakis, John Kanesoulis, Con Kiakos, Chris  
Kalafatidis, Mark Turudia. **Picture by LES**

# 'Old brigade' shines as saints triumph

By ALEX VESIC



**ST GEORGE** — **BUDAPEST** 3 (Marton 25th & 80th, Skeen 71st), **SYDNEY CITY** — **HAKOAH** 1 (Boden penalty 6th), **NSW AMPOL CUP FINAL**.

**ST GEORGE:** Fraser 8 — Skeen 9, M. O'Shea 8, Ratcliffe 8, R. O'Shea 8 — Stone 8, J. O'Shea 8, Barton 7, — Slater 7 (Ricoy 85), Kozcak 6 (Petkovski 68'), Marton 9.

**SYDNEY CITY:** Clarke 9 — O'Rourke 6, Lynch 7, Cant 6, Gomez 7 — Kay 7, Rodriguez 7 (Patterson 61' — 6), Boden 9, Barnes 7, — Fletcher 8, De Margny 5 (Bottalico 70').

**CROATIA** 1 (Arnold 30th). **MARCONI** 0, play-off for third place

**CROATIA:** Watson 7 — Woods 6, Tomasich 6, Sterry 7, Vidic 8 — Savor 7, Basic 7, Meades 8, Clinch 8 (21' M. Kovacic 61, — Arnold 8, Kirwan 7).

**MARCONI:** James 7 — Djordjevic 6, Calderon 6, Mariani 6, Carter 5 — Henderson 6, McCulloch 6, Carboni 6 (Spanos 41' — 6) — Brown 6, Winn 5 (Licata 62' — 6), Lowe 5.

## Graeme Arnold a Socceroo?

**Croatia 1**  
**Marconi 0**

**Scorer:** G. Arnold 30th.  
**Referee:** Arthur Owens 9.  
**Crowd:** 4,320.  
**Ground:** St George Stadium.

Strengthened by the appearance of Tom McCulloch and John Spanos Marconi put up an improved performance in this play-off for third place but never played well enough to challenge Sydney Croatia and in the end lost the match by the narrowest of margins.

I say that the score flattened Marconi for it was Croatia who did all the early running and could have scored a few goals by half time had its forwards scored from many opportunities presented.

As early as the 13th minute Steve Meades was through and with Steve Clinch in support and Paul Carter to contend with Croatia looked set to take the lead. But Meades froze inside the area and the chance went begging.

Midway through this period Marijan Kovacic came on for the injured Clinch and immediately was in the action with his midfield partner Wally Savor. A quick through ball by Savor and Kovacic was through with only James to beat. But hesitation by Kovacic allowed James to dive at the Croatia forward and save.

Five minutes later Marconi was not so lucky. Graeme Arnold was through and running for goal. Tony Henderson came to the aid of James but missed with his tackle leaving Arnold to slip his shot past the keeper and into the net.

Only a minute later, Arnold was through again, this time from a misdirected pass by McCulloch and looked set to score but James pulled off a brilliant save.

During the first half, Marconi managed to string together a series of passes just once and had one shot, but the ball went wide. It was far too little and far too late and nothing of which is hoping to have a good season in the NSL.

Les Scheinfeld was unimpressed with his side and let it know his feelings at half time. Out went Attilio Carboni and in came John Spanos and Marconi came at Croatia early in the second half.

Early chances fell to Brown and Henderson. First it was Brown beating the keeper, but lobbing the ball in the process then came a miscued Brown shot in the 53rd minute found Henderson some eight metres from goal. He swung at the ball and sent it sailing over the bar.

Brown missed again, badly, in the 59th minute. David Lowe ran around Tomasich then found his young Socceroo team mate, but Brown trapped the ball then slammed it high over the bar from six metres out!

With three minutes remaining Brown missed again. From only seven metres he shot wide, but Croatia missed at the other end in the dying seconds also. Kirwan rounded Mariani to face James then shot hurriedly and with accuracy but not hard enough to beat James.

For Croatia, this is the start of a new era in soccer. This newcomer to the NSL certainly is one of the better outfits and will do many a side in this year's competition. In Bruno Vidaic and Lee Ster-



**John Spanos** — from Heidelberg to Marconi for \$8000.



## NSW AMPOL CUP

### St George 3 Syd City 1

**Scorers:** Marton 2, Skeen (St.G.), Boden pen (SC)

**Referee:** Peter Rampley 6

**Yellow cards:** Gomez (H), Marton (St.G.)

**Crowd:** 4,320

**Ground:** St George Stadium

Des Marton, Kenny Boden and Todd Clarke, soccer veterans in their thirties, did much to delight this small crowd at St George Stadium with the laurels certainly going to the "old maestro" Marton, two-goal hero of St George and the man who decided the outcome of the Ampol Cup final.

Despite missing a penalty, Marton scored two great goals to pave the way for a comfortable victory and looked dangerous throughout this match. It was Marton who scored the equaliser and the winning goal.

His first was a goal a long through ball by Ratcliffe found Marton running between two Hakoah players into the penalty area. As Jay Clarke came in for the tackle, Marton unleashed an unstoppable drive from an angle, giving Clarke no chance.

His second goal was at the end of the best move of the match Robert O'Shea came forward playing quick one-two's with Barton, then Slater, before crossing an ideal ball for Marton at the far post. Marton drove his shot hard but Clarke managed to block, only to see Marton put the rebound into the net.

Only seven minutes later, in the 67th minute, Marton was on a hat-trick. And while he lined up his penalty attempt it was Frank Arrok, the coach of St George, who kept calling out "Robbie O'Shea, Robbie O'Shea" from the sideline. However, Marton was on a hat-trick and he took the shot, aiming low to the keeper's left. Clarke was equal to the task making yet another brilliant save, but Marton bounded onto the loose ball only to see Clarke save yet again!

"I was happy for him," said Marton after the game. "He is still one of the best keepers around."

Only a few minutes later, Saints made sure of the Ampol Cup for 1984 with yet another blistering move. Peter Stone drew one defender before slotting a pass for Skeen to run onto and score.

Clarke capitulated three times, but was certainly his side's best player, saving on numerous occasions. His save from a John O'Shea rocket-like drive midway through the first half was vintage Clarke, and his second half display drew admiring applause from the crowd which went astray.

Ratcliffe's header from a Marton free kick was misdirected from close range in the 11th minute. Slater completely misjudged with only Clarke to beat in the 23rd minute, Barton sent a weak shot from only seven metres straight at Clarke in the 29th minute. Marton was around Clarke in the 42nd minute, Marton missed a penalty in the 67th minute, while Ricoy in the 85th and Barton in the 87th, both half display drew admiring applause from the crowd which went astray.

For Sydney City, it was Fletcher who had the first chance after only six minutes but lobbed the keeper and the crossbar, then came another shot from Fletcher which just cleared the bar in the 16th, then Fletcher again in the 32nd but Fraser was at his feet to save. Fletcher's fourth opportunity came in the 58th when he shot over the bar from 10 metres.

The return of Joe Rizzotto and Mark Jankovic should add more stability to the back-line and with hard work by coach Scheinfeld, Marconi could get into a winning frame of mind.

It was Barton who looked certain to score after

Gomez missed the ball! Clarke was there again, saving with ease. And with seconds remaining and Petkovski running through to face Clarke, the Hakoah keeper came out of his area to clear. The whistle blew for the end of the match at the same time but one could not help noticing the attitude of the keeper. He was alert, fast and still full of enthusiasm.

And what about Kenny Boden?

No wonder the man is nicknamed "Mr. Magic", for he was just that during this cup final. "He is some player," said an admiring Arrok after the match. Praise indeed from Australia's premier coach.

Boden long will be remembered for this effort. He "rolled" quite a few players on the day, showing what this great game is all about. It is players like Boden that we need and the game needs, for he is the kind of player who will bring people to the terraces. He scored from a penalty, early in the match, and was a constant threat to the St. George side.

Saints and St George produced one of the best finals for some years and contributions came from all angles. From the organisation of this cup final, with a pre-match luncheon at the Fisherman's Club opposite the St George Stadium, to the game and post match presentation, one could not wish for a better afternoon.

And what of the winners? Well, it is hard to go past the O'Shea brothers. Mike and David have developed into one of the best tackling machines in the business, while John is as smooth in attack and as tough in defence as one would wish to have. His distribution is first class and his attitude to the game unparalleled.

David Ratcliffe — Saints' Beckenbauer — was at his usual perceptible best, while David Skeen definitely has become one of the most feared defenders-come-attackers in the game. He just runs and runs and runs. What tremendous stamina he has.

In the end, let's say that the better team won, but had the result been 6-2 it would most probably best reflect the chances in this match. Saints had a glut of possession, and more penetration and chances. Saints' attack varies from a slow, methodical approach along the by-line to the fast counter attacking moves through the middle which smell of goals all the time.

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**Tommy Sermanni** — now with Canberra.

## SERMANNI TO CANBERRA FOR \$10,000

By PETER WINDSOR

**Canberra Arrows** and **Marconi**, after weeks of bitter wrangling, have settled the transfer of midfielder **Tommy Sermanni** for a reputed \$10,000.

The deal is believed to have been concluded on Monday.

"When it happened I lost two ulcers," joked Canberra's coach Doug Collins.

The next move will be to get Sermanni back to Australia from England — where he is holidaying — in time for Sunday's opening NSL game against Wollongong.

It is not known whether Sermanni's re-entry was granted before departure and exactly how much of his previous temporary entry visa remains.

If Sermanni gets into Australia before mid-day on Friday Collins will play him on Sunday.

"I have never digressed from my stance that Sermanni was the player I most wanted," said Collins.

"We know each other well and he's good on the park — and in the dressing room with other players. He's an asset to any club."

The Victorians, however, played without injured stars Fabio Incantalo, Vince Bannon and Paul Drinoczyk, while Andrew Zinni managed only one half.

Charlie Villani (penalty) and Steve Maxwell scored in the goals in the 33rd and 74th minutes.

Best players were Neville Flounders, Villani, Maxwell and Joe Mullen for Adelaide City, and Billy Rogers, Rob Cullen, Gary Ward and John Dowie for the visitors.

In other Adelaide news, West Adelaide held a mid-fielder Charlie May for \$500, and Glen Dods (ex-Adelaide City) has turned down an offer to join Melbourne club Sunshine-George Cross which also has shown interest in Adrian Santac and Martyn Crook.

## Depleted Juve beaten

**Adelaide City** Juventus (Vic) 2-0 in practice match at Olympic Sports Field in Adelaide on Sunday.

## 15th penalty win for Canberra

**CANBERRA** 1 (Reis) **NEWCASTLE** 1 (Burke), Prime Minister's Cup at Seiffert Oval. **Canberra** won on penalties.

**Referee:** Glyn Davies.

A remarkable, nail-biting penalty shoot-out saw Canberra Arrows regain the Prime Minister's Cup at Queanbeyan's Seiffert Oval on Sunday night after the scores were deadlocked 1-1.

It took until the 15th penalty

before the shoot-out was set-

tied in Canberra's favor ... with big full back Roy Jones finally hammering home the last penalty.

But this was not a pleasing pre-season performance for either side.

For my money Canberra was the better side, more creative and cohesive, but my how it lacks pep and finish up front.

It needs Frank Brennan for that matter, if the club and Brennan can resolve their differences.

Newcastle, having lost so many experienced players in the close season, is a rugged and willing team but lacks fitness.

Coach Ken Kaiser, one imagines, can look forward to at best a mediocre season.

The first 45 minutes brought precious little action, the best of it being a superb early save from Canberra's Tony Franklin from a close-range thunderbolt by Joe Senkalski, a similar, reflex save by Newcastle's Clint Gosling from Hilton Phillips in the 32nd minute and a structured, cultured three-touch Canberra move that saw Hogg shoot across the face of the goal with striker Marko Perinovic unable to connect.

Cotton scored three and Jackson one for Penrith and

the second half was much better and within four minutes a well-struck shot from Canberra newcomer Andrew Brockbank had Gosling pulling off a full-stretch, fingertip save to push for a corner.

And in the 59th minute a breakaway Newcastle move saw them move ahead. It was Senkalski who did the lead-up work, and when he crossed, Peter Burke ghosted from behind Canberra's Tony Redmond and thumped the ball into the net.

Six minutes later Canberra was level when a well-flighted cross found Phil Reis unmar-

ked on the left flank, Reis taking the chance superbly to fire into the roof of the net.

Canberra still looked the better side — but Newcastle created two more chances which it should have converted.

Two superb saves from young Tony Franklin gave the ball back to John Macquarie, a second-half replacement, the second from Senkalski.

It was a game in which no doubt both coaches learned much — as both have teams where work in most quarters is still required.

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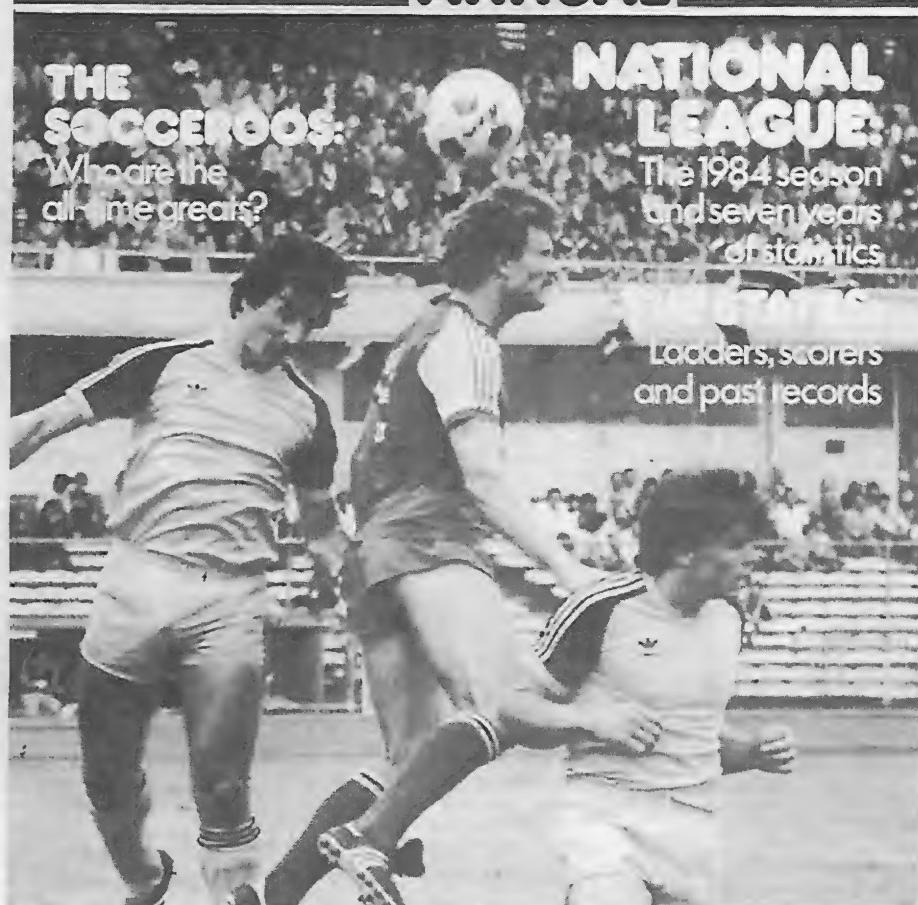
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# West makes semis but lacks striking power

**West Adelaide**  
Hellas secured an Ampol Cup semi-final berth after its third straight win, but coach Sam Salabasidis has problems with the start to NSL just a few days away.

West struggled to one goal wins against Azzurri (1-0), Croatia (2-1) and Polonia (1-0) and while its defence has been reasonably compact, its lack of striking power looms as a major problem, as it was last year.

Salabasidis was interested in South Melbourne's transfer-listed Steve Woodin, but the \$8000 fee is a bit rich considering the Kiwi star could move back to NZ with a free clearance at the end of the year.



## South Australian Ampol Cup

West instead has focused on a State League player who could move to the club after the Ampol Cup.

If Salabasidis could solve the striking problem, West could be an NSL force because it now is playing with some fluency.

West had to wait until the last minute to secure both points against Polonia — a Tim Brown header from a corner kick.

In the other game played at Hindmarsh Stadium last Wednesday night, Beograd made sure of a semi-final spot

with an easy 2-0 win over Para Hills.

Goals from Arezina and Kalinovic ended Para Hills' interest in the Cup.

The final preliminary round will be played tonight (Wednesday) with Azzurri and Croatia meeting in the early game and Adelaide City taking on Birkalla.

Azzurri needs only to draw to qualify while Croatia must take both points.

Adelaide City should have little difficulty in joining Beograd from Group B, but

needs to beat Birkalla to avoid West in the semi-finals.

City was impressing in its first Ampol Cup match, beating Para Hills 4-0 with Peter Rankin completing a hat trick.

However, Beograd gave it a fright by holding it to a 1-1 draw in the following match.

**Details:**  
WEST ADELAIDE 1 (Brown 79th) POLONIA 0; BEOGRAD 2 (Arezina 12th, Kalinovic 33rd) PARA HILLS 0.

**GROUP A**  
W D L F A Pts  
West Adel... 3 0 0 4 1 6  
Azzurri... 1 0 1 2 1 2

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia.....	0	1	1	2	3	1
Polonia.....	0	1	1	1	4	1
<b>GROUP B</b>						
Beograd.....	1	2	0	4	2	4
Adel City....	1	1	0	5	1	3
Para Hills...	1	0	2	2	6	2
Birkalla.....	0	1	1	3	1	1

All the results:

**January 25:** BEOGRAD 1 (Sarac) BIRKALLA 1 (Hayes); WEST ADELAIDE 1 (Honeyman) AZZURRI 0.

**February 1:** ADELAIDE CITY 4 (Rankin 3, Villani 1) PARA HILLS 0; Croatia 1 (P. Blute) POLONIA 1 (Witwicki).

**February 8:** WEST ADELAIDE 2 (Honeyman, Malavasi) CROATIA 1 (T. Blute); PARA HILLS 2 (Gollini, Williams) BIRKALLA 0.

**February 15:** ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Maxwell) BEOGRAD 1 (Loyland); AZZURRI 2 (Wilde, Dunn); POLONIA 0.

**— MENO TOUTSIDIS**

## Tansey still is open to offers

**Jim Tansey, the man who saved Heidelberg from the wooden spoon last year, still is open to offers, after being rejected by Heidelberg's new coach, Brian Garvey.**

Garvey rejected Tansey, apparently because he thought Tansey's return may cause friction.

Tansey as player-coach at Heidelberg, inspired a spectacular late season run which lifted the team up the ladder.

He was in the running for the coaching job again this year, but the committee opted to bring Garvey out from England instead.

Although Tansey, along with Gary Cole, Jim Campbell, and Jeff Oliver, announced early this year they would quit the club, the committee decided to ask him to return two weeks ago.

It came as a shock, therefore, that Garvey went against the committee's wishes.

Here's how Tansey tells it:

"When I came back from holidays, the president, Sam Goulopoulos, rang me and said the club did not want to lose me, or Jim Campbell, Charlie Yankos and the others who were saying they wanted to leave."

"Sam said now that the club had established the ground, it was anxious to get players to strengthen the squad, and that he wanted me to stay."

"I said OK, I'll go back to training, but first I'd have to ring Brian Garvey."

"When I rang him, though, he said no, I shouldn't come to training. He said it would not be beneficial if I came. It wouldn't be doing any good."

"I said that's your opinion; you're welcome to it."

Asked whether he thought Garvey may feel threatened by having the former coach in the team, among the tension already created by transfer requests, Tansey said:

"It could be, I suppose. Without knocking the boy, I suppose he could feel threatened if I go down there."

So Tansey remains on the market.

He is available for a \$5000 transfer fee — a bargain for the sweeper or full back who has played 41 games for Australia and who won the Victorian Rothmans Medal while with Slavia.



Jim Tansey and one of the major injuries sustained with Heidelberg.

## BEAUDIE STARKIE SAYS HAWKIE

For a galaxy of players — many in the veteran class — all roads led to Canberra last week for the Roy Stark testimonial game against Canberra Arrows.

They gave their services free as a tribute to Stark, a former Arrows skipper forced out of the game in 1981 with a crippling knee injury.

Stark's all-stars won 1-0 — with a 61st minute goal by Duncan Cole — although no-one can say the Arrows players were tackling as hard as they could have.

It was a night of nostalgia. The original Canberra City team against its replacement — the Canberra Arrows.

Stark played at the beginning and end — and other well known faces included goalkeeper Ron Tilsed (now with Newcastle), Adrian Alston, Vic Fernandez, Jimmy Cant, Johnny Davies, Isaac Farrell, Danny Moulis, Steve Kojza, Ivan Grujicic — and many others.

And some 600 fans saw many of them still possessing

fine skills — if not their original pace.

It was a fun night — one to savour and remember.

Even the Prime Minister, Mr Bob Hawke, sent a telegram.

It summed up Stark's career — and his fondness by many fans — with these parting words: "Roy Stark was a valued leader until 1981 when he sustained his tragic knee injury."

"Best wishes Roy, for a memorable testimonial and for the future."

And a memorable testimonial it certainly was.

**— PETER WINDSOR**

## AKOUTAS—WHAT A WASTE!

George Akoutas, one of the most talented fullbacks to come out of Sydney Olympic's soccer nursery is to retire from soccer!

This youngster was one of the stars of the Sydney Olympic youth side a few years ago and played alongside Dakos, Patalis and Coulter under the guidance of Ljubo Gojkovic.

He was also a part of the side which competed so successfully against the Hungarian



**TASMANIAN SCENE**  
with Walter Pless

**Phoenix —**

**hammered but hopeful!**

Newly-promoted Phoenix is looking to do well in this year's Tasmanian Cadbury State League despite its 1-6 loss at the hands of reigning champion, Juventus-Pioneer, in a friendly last weekend.

"I'm very pleased with how the side is shaping up," says coach, Gerry Marron. "As far as the result against Juventus is concerned, I don't think there is really a five goal difference between the sides. If we had had our new goalkeeper from Clarence, Matthew Richmond, we wouldn't have conceded so many goals."

As well as Richmond, Phoenix is confident of signing Brett Nichols from Caledonians and the Juventus-Pioneer captain of last season, Alan Burton, Top goalscorer, Mick Walker, has left the club, however, to become playing coach of Kingborough.

Phoenix's two previous results in pre-season friendlies have been a 0-6 loss to Metro-Claremont and a 5-2 win over Kingborough. Coach Marron maintains there is a positive mental attitude at the club and says that this is partly due to the help and advice given by the Tasmanian Soccer Association which held talks with the club to make it aware of the demands of playing in State League.

In the match against Juventus, Jarvis scored for Phoenix while Broadhouse (3), Ward, Nichols and Pace scored for Juventus.

Juventus has signed Andrew Leszczynski following his return from Brisbane Lions, as well as another youngster, Damon Cuthbertson, who just has returned to Tasmania after spending a couple of seasons in South Australia.

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Tarooma-St Mirren drew 3-3 with University last Wednesday night in a pre-season friendly played at University, Kerr, with two goals, and Fiddes scored for Tarooma, while Shearman, also with two goals, and Fraraccio scored for University.

Olympia and Juventus-Pioneer continue to perform well in pre-season friendlies leading up to the opening round of the Michael The Tailor Summer Cup competition on Sunday, March 4.

Olympia defeated Metro-Claremont 5-0 recently with Peter Sherman and Perry Forster continuing where they left off last season by scoring two goals each. Roger Munro netted the fifth goal.

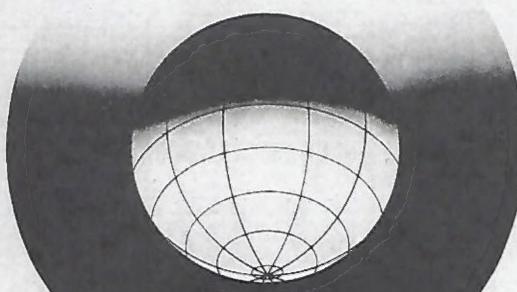
Juventus-Pioneer sent both its first and reserve sides north to play Ulverstone and they returned to Hobart victorious. The Juventus senior team defeated Ulverstone 4-1 while the reserves went one better to win 5-1.

national team and Vojvodina in a tournament organised by St George Budapest and he was in the side which walloped St George 4-0 with Gojkovic as Sydney Olympic's first team coach.

However, since the departure of that coach the youngster has had a lean time and is now on the verge of retiring from soccer.

What a waste!

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## Parte la Lega Nazionale

Finalmente ci siamo! Domenica prossima la Juventus di Melbourne scenderà in campo come una delle esponenti del massimo campionato calcistico australiano tornato così' fra le "grandi" come il suo nome glorioso, le sue tradizioni, le sue strabilianti vittorie del passato (sfortunatamente remoto) dettavano.

gente juventina ne' nelle spezze dei tifosi.

Domenica prossima la prima di campionato vedrà la Juventus opposta al Croatia sul campo numero due dell'Olympic Park. Combinazione, il Croatia è un'altra delle squadre ammesse alla Lega Nazionale quindi non è una novità ne' per i tifosi né per i tecnici e giocatori bianconeri, perciò il calendario sembra essere "ordinaria amministrazione" almeno per questa partita.

Inoltre le due squadre si sono incontrate recentemente nella coppa notturna finendo con il salomonico risultato di 1-1, con la differenza però che la Juventus veniva eliminata dopo il primo turno e il Croatia proseguiva fino alla finale che perdeva di fronte ad un fortissimo S.M. Hellas.

Considerando poi che la Juventus vince tutti e due gli incontri di campionato statale contro il Croatia l'anno scorso, si potrebbe anche essere tentati a guardare alla partita di domenica con una certa dose di ottimismo.

Purtroppo però la situazione attuale non è tanto favorevole alla Juventus sia perché la campagna acquisti non ha risolto i più gravi problemi della squadra, sia perché la sfortuna ci ha messo lo zampino ed il parco dei giocatori bianconeri è stato decimato da infortuni.

Per domenica saranno sicuramente inutilizzabili Paul Drinocky (che starà fuori per un paio di mesi), Vince Bannon (che starà fuori per almeno un paio di settimane e che a metà campionato si assenterà per un altro mese a causa di viaggio in Scozia), Fabio Incantilupo (che starà fuori due mesi, almeno, non due), Andrea Zinni (Arabamonti giocherà ma le sue condizioni non sono eccellenti).

Mentre l'assenza di Incantilupo, per una strana combinazione di affollamento in fatto di attaccanti, non è la fine del mondo; l'assenza di Vince Bannon e di Drinocky è molto grave se si aggiunge al fatto che Paul Bannon ha deciso, definitivamente a quanto sembra, di appendere le scarpe al chiodo; decisione che non fa una piega ma che purtroppo è stata messa in atto senza che si sia trovato un valido rincalzo poiché Rogers, che probabilmente giocherà in posizione di libero, e' da considerare solo un ripieglo.

Perciò non vorremmo essere nei panni di Margaritis poiché il tecnico deve trovare qualche soluzione per questo problema molto grave: rimpiangere tra quanti della difesa. Naturalmente tutti questi problemi non si sono verificati la settimana scorsa e provvedimenti (leggi acquisti di emergenza) avrebbero dovuto essere presi prima.

Con alcuni centrocampisti che probabilmente dovranno essere impiegati in difesa (Rogers, Dowie e forse J.Miranda), è ovvio che anche il centrocampio potrebbe risentire della situazione difficile in difesa. E l'attacco non si può dire che non abbia i suoi problemi, poiché con tutti i compromessi che si rendono necessari anche questo reparto e' piuttosto lontano da una situazione di normalità.

Almeno per ora Ward e Sweeney non sembrano esser capaci di segnare le reti che

**VIVA ITALIA!**  
with ROCKY DI ZIO



Andrea Zinni e' la miglior speranza per una vittoria juventina contro il Croatia nella prima di campionato; per segnare egli dovrà percorrere Sean Parton (a destra) il giovane difensore croato ... che però potrebbe giocare in maglia bianconera. Foto LES SHORROCK.

sperare che la Juventus schiererebbe gli attaccanti in attacco, i centrocampisti a centrocampo ed i difensori in difesa! Ci vuole tanto a capire che la Juventus si è caricata di doppioni in certi reparti e non ha abbastanza giocatori di ruolo in altri reparti?

E' talmente ovvio che il club sarebbe seriamente intenzionato a continuare ad acquisire giocatori per riparare a questa mancanza di bilancio.

I nomi che stanno sul tacchino dei responsabili juventini sono tutti grandi nomi: Jim Campbell, ex-Hidelberg, considerato da molti il migliore centrocampista d'Australia (in funzione di attacco segna, in funzione di centrocampista fa gioco, in funzione difensiva reisce a conquistare la palla); Charlie Yankos, anche dell'Hidelberg, da molti considerato il miglior difensore centrale d'Australia (lo vorrebbero persino in Inghilterra); Sean Parton, del Croatia, giovane, fisicamente molto dotato e capace di giocare come centrocampista e come terzino.

Ovviamente che con Zinni in squadra Cullen non potrà perdere più nulla nella posizione in cui renderà più utile agli altri parte spostarlo alla sinistra, perché toglierà il posto a Gary Ward, che non può andare al centro perché lì c'è Sweeney, che non può andare a destra perché lì c'è Zinni, che non può andare a sinistra perché lì c'è così, comunque il cerchio vizioso sui cui i tecnici juventini sono venuti a trovarsi.

Questo è il motivo per cui dicevamo prima che l'assenza forzata di Incantilupo non è le fine del mondo! Siamo arrivati al ridicolo di dover consolarsi con un giocatore del calibro di Fabio sia indisponibile! Non solo, ma per rendere le cose ancora più ci sarebbe quasi da augurarsi che uno fra Ward, Sweeney, Cullen e Zinni fosse altresì indisposto (ovvio però che non auguriamo a nessuno di farsi male, questo sia ben chiaro!). Solo così si potrebbe

questi soldi ci dovrebbero essere perché il club finì la stagione scorsa con un profitto di gestione di circa \$80,000 e fino ad ora ha ottenuto sponsorship di almeno altri \$80,000 per la corrente stagione. Ma è ovvio però che questi \$160,000 non stanno a mancare in banca (debiti di precedenti gestioni, gli acquisti già fatti quest'anno, e le molte altre spese che debbono essere affrontate giornalmente).

E' anche ovvio però che questi \$160,000 sono entrati perché il club ha un comitato di ottimi uomini d'affari e perché il discreto successo della squadra l'anno scorso, assieme all'ammissione in Lega Nazionale, ha creato uno situazione favorevole intorno al club; il comitato di ottimi uomini d'affari e' ancora in carica (anzi e' addirittura migliorato rispetto all'anno scorso) e se la squadra dovesse essere ammessa in Lega Nazionale e' facile pensare che quei \$160,000 potrebbero essere soltanto l'inizio di una valanga di soldi che continueranno ad arrivare da ulteriori accordi di sponsorship, da ulteriori tesseramenti, da ulteriori ottimi incassi alle partite, da ulteriori ottimi incassi dalle funzioni sociali ... e così via.

D'altra parte, se la squadra dovesse fare cilecca, le ottime possibilità di ottimi incassi futuri farebbero altrettanto cilecca! Guardando però alla situazione finanziaria sotto questo punto di vista i \$50,000 per acquistare Campbell, Yankos e Parton (o altri del loro calibro) e la stessa stessa (ma non altri doppiani), non solo si potrebbero spendere ma diventerebbero l'inevitabile "investimento" per assicurarsi il possibilissimo profitto!

La decisione, naturalmente non c'è di chi scrive queste note, né del comitato da solo: e' di tutta la tifoseria, di tutti gli uomini d'affari vicini alla Juventus, di tutti i potenziali sponsors, di tutti i potenziali soci.

Perché, coloro che vogliono lo squadrone non si mettono in contatto con i dirigenti juventini dicendo: "Io voglio che la Juventus sia grande e vincente che farà onore a noi tutti, ecco i miei \$100,000 come socio, ecco i miei \$250 per il Gold Pass, ecco i miei \$3,000 di sponsorship, ecco i miei \$10 (o quel che sia) di ddonazione..."? Solo allora la decisione diventerebbe ovvia! Solo allora si potrà pretendere di aver lo squadrone!

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CONNOR RESERVE 3 pm

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HEIDELBERG**

MIDDLE PARK 3 pm

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South 3 wins

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CHAPLIN RESERVE  
3 pm



Chris Taylor



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2.30 pm

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WOLLONGONG CITY**

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Canberra 2 wins

Wollongong 2 wins



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HENSON PARK 3 pm

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Leichhardt 5 wins

Marconi 2 wins

3 draws



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ST GEORGE STADIUM  
3 pm

Previous Results NSL

Olympic 5 wins

St. George 1 win

1 draw



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